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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO KABUL

REF: STATE 182159

1. MORNING JULY 24 I DELIVERED YOUR LETTER TO PRESIDENT
DAOUD PER REFTEL THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL
GHAUS.

2. GHAUS SUMMONED ME AFTERNOON JULY 24 TO SAY THAT
PRESIDENT DAOUD AND MR NAIM ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU CAN
COME TO KABUL ON AUGUST 8. GHAUS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THEY
BOTH WISH YOU COULD STAY LONGER AND REGRET THAT YOU ARE
UNABLE TO SPEND THE NIGHT.

3. GHAUS FURTHER SAID THAT NAIM WANTED ME TO RELAY TO YOU
THE SPECIFIC REQUEST THAT YOU DO YOUR UTMOST TO ARRIVE IN
KABUL NOT LATER THAN TEN A.. NAIM FEELS STRONGLY THAT
HE AND ALSO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH SHOULD HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU PRIOR TO YOUR LUNCHEON
WITH DAOUD. ALTHOUGH HE REALIZES THIS MEANS AN EARLY
DEPARTURE FROM TEHRAN, HE "HOPES YOU WILL DO THIS FOR YOUR
AFGHAN FRIENDS".

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4. DURING MY CONVERSATIONS WITH GHAUS SEVERAL QUESTIONS

AROSE:

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT. GOA WOULD LIKE TO
PHRASE ANNOUNCEMENT: "AT THE INVITATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF
STATE, DR HENRY A. KISSINGER, WILL MAKE A VISIT TO
AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 8, 1976. WHILE IN AFGHANISTAN
THE SECRETARY WILL CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD AND OTHER
LEADING MEMBERS OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT". AFGHANS PRO-
POSE ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE O/A AUGUST 1. PLEASE CONFIRM
TEXT AND TIMING.

B. PERSONS ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY. GOA WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER MRS KISSINGER
WILL ALSO BE COMING. ALSO USEFUL TO KNOW AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WHETHER THE PARTY WILL INCLUDE ANY OTHER HIGH-
RANKING DEPT OFFICIALS. AFGHANS ARE PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN ANY ECONOMIC OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH
POSSIBLE ECONOMIC TALKS DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

C. JOINT STATEMENT. GHASUS MENTIONED DESIRABILITY
OF JOINT STATEMENTS BEING ISSUED AT TIME OF VISIT.

THIS IS A STANDARD AFGHAN PRACTICE. WE BELIEVE IT
USEFUL TO PRESENT AFGHANS WITH OUR OWN DRAFT TEXT
AND WILL BE CABLING OUR SUGGESTIONS JULY 25. WILL
BE GRATEFUL DEPT'S REACTION BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM
SINCE THIS IS A SUBJECT ON WHICH WE KNOW AFGHANS WANT
TO MOVE AHEAD AND WILL HAVE THEIR OWN IDEAS.
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